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Berlusconi hit in face by thrown statuette

MILAN Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi was struck in the face by a thrown statuette yesterday, leaving the stunned 73-year-old leader with a broken nose and bloodied mouth.

Police immediately took the 42-year-old man accused of the attack into custody. Berlusconi had been signing autographs at the end of a rally in Milan, when the attack occurred.

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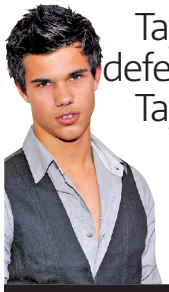
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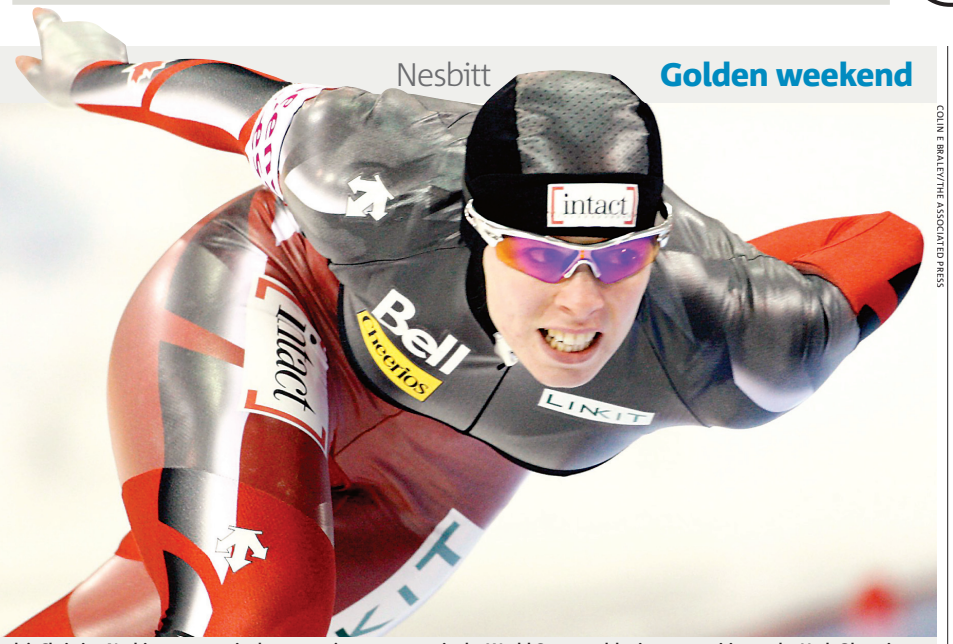
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Golden weekend

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Canada's Christine Nesbitt competes in the women's 1,000 metres in the World Cup speedskating competition at the Utah Olympic Oval yesterday in Kearns, Utah. Nesbitt won in a time of one minute, 13.36 seconds to claim her second World Cup victory in two days.

Ontario, Quebec warn of chill over climate

Provinces say they don't want to take emissions fall for oilsands

Go Green

Canada's two largest provinces say the relationship between the 13 provinces and territories could become rocky if Ottawa balks on committing to stronger emission cuts.

However, the environment ministers for Ontario and Quebec told reporters they are confident Ottawa will agree to the cuts before the global UN climate change conference comes to a close this week.

The dark side of their message was reinforced by Quebec Premier Jean Charest, in Denmark for the summit, who condemned Ottawa for the potential economic consequences of its anemic climate change fight.

Ontario and Quebec have long feared the federal Conservatives are planning to cut Canada's greenhouse gas emissions at the expense of the provinces and others that have taken early action in the fight against global warming in order that Alberta and Saskatchewan will have room to further develop their vast oilsands reserves.

"I don't think it takes a genius to figure out that … they want to continue to develop those (oilsands) and obviously if they are developed there may have to be larger greenhouse gas emission (cuts) elsewhere in the country in order to meet our targets," Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen told reporters.

Gerretsen and Quebec Environment Minister Line Beauchamp will join forces this week to promote the work they're doing and to push Ottawa to take a more ambitious stance.

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European Union

- Quebec Premier Jean Charest said the province's export-based economy could be an early victim should the EU act on its threat to impose a carbon tax on products coming from delinquent countries.

Man charged with wife's death, in court

HOMICIDE On the same day that an Ottawa man was scheduled to appear in court for charges of second-degree murder, hundreds of people braved the snow to pay their respects to his wife.

While the visitation for Donna Ellen Jones-Hutt was held in the city's west end yesterday, Mark Peter Hutt, 33, appeared in court in relation to the city's seventh homicide of the year.



Jones-Hutt

On the morning of Sunday, Dec. 6, police attended a residence on Barwell Avenue in the Bayshore area, where they discovered the body of a 33-year-old woman.

Following an investigation and autopsy results, police arrested a 33-year-old male resident of Ottawa on Friday.

Hutt now faces charges of second-degree murder.

While family members declined to comment to the media at yesterday's visitation, friends and co-workers at the Canadian Food Inspection Agency described Jones-Hutt in a Facebook memorial as a "caring and vibrant" young woman who looked on the bright side of life and who lit up the room with her infectious laugh.

"Donna was the best sister," wrote her sister, Jennifer Jones, on the Facebook page. "She always listened and made me believe in myself … Love you so much."

Jones-Hutt's funeral is held at Our Lady of Fatima Church today.

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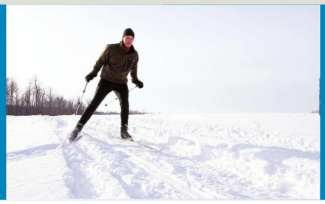
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Ski trails open at Gatineau Park

The National Capital Commission opened Gatineau Park's winter trail network over the weekend. One of North America's most popular trail networks, the park features over 260 kilometres of various routes, 10 daytime shelters where skiers can have lunch at picnic tables and warm up by wood stoves, and seven yurts where skiers and snowshoers can spend the night. For up-to-date ski conditions and trail status, visit canadascapital.gc.ca/gatineau. METRO OTTAWA

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COLLISION A 21-year-old man suffered serious but non-life-threatening injuries after being struck by a vehicle Friday. Just after 11:30 p.m., a man exited an OC Transpo bus on Rideau Street, just west of King Edward Avenue. Police said the man ran south across Rideau Street and was struck by an eastbound vehicle. There were no charges laid against the driver of the car.

THEFT Police are seeking suspects after two males pushed their way into a Deerfield Drive residence Friday night. Police said the males brandished a handgun and left the residence with electronics. Police are seeking a male of native descent with a stocky build, dark hair and a beard, and a dark-skinned male, approximately five-foot-10 with brown spiky hair. METRO OTTAWA

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Lansdowne **Christmas party**



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Santa's elves Louisa Haché, left, and Laura Hall busy themselves with Christmas preparations at the mayor's ninth annual Christmas celebration at Lansdowne Park yesterday. Hundreds of people attended the event, which included crafts, visits with Santa, entertainment, snacks and skating.

Paralympic spirit

Games' popularity on upswing, athlete says

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

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Over the weekend, Ottawans showed that Olympic fever was alive and well in the capital as thousands of people came out to witness the torch's arrival in Ottawa and at Parliament Hill.

With all the excitement over the Olympics, Benoit St-Amand is glad to see that there's growing interest in Paralympic Games as well.

Compared to its popularity 20 years ago, the Paralympics have made huge strides, said the sledge hockey goalie for Team Canada.

He was happy to see his teammate, captain Jean Labonte, carry the torch when it came through Gatineau Friday.

"It's great to see Paralympic athletes carry the torch," said St-Amand, 31. "It's a sign that the Paralympic movement is getting stronger and stronger. The people in VANOC are doing a good job to raise the standards of the Paralympics. They've been working really hard to make it the best Paralympic experience ever."



Benoit St-Amand

St-Amand, who began playing hockey when he was three, was diagnosed with bone cancer in his right leg at age 15. At 17, he had his right leg amputated above the knee and shortly after, saw athletes playing sledge hockey on television.

He began playing in 2002 and joined Team Canada in 2004, moving to the position of goaltender in his fifth season.

The team won a gold medal in St-Amand's first Paralympic Games in Torino in 2006.

"It was the highlight of my hockey career," he said.

Following a training camp in Saskatoon in the new year, St-Amand will learn whether he's going to Vancouver for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. Held from March 12 to 21, the games will see 55 Canadian Paralympic athletes compete in para-alpine skiing, para-nordic skiing (cross-country skiing and biathlon), sledge hockey and wheelchair curling.

The Paralympic Games can teach Canadians about courage, perseverance and determination, said St-Amand.

"A lot of people think they're not going to be as fun to watch, but I think a lot of people will be amazed at what we can do," he said. "It shows that if you have an obstacle, you can crumble, or you can go through it. And if you go through it, anything is possible."

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Striking Canadian Museum of Civilization Corp. workers march from the Canadian War Museum to a rally held at the Bronson Centre yesterday.

Museum workers hopeful for strike resolution

LABOUR As their strike enters its 13th week, museum workers are hopeful that a deal will be reached before Christmas.

Negotiators with the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corp. have been meeting since Friday to attempt to bring an end to the strike, which is now in its 85th day.

There is a blackout of the status of the negotiations, but PSAC national president John Gordon said he's hopeful something positive will come out of them.

Yesterday, the 420 striking employees from the Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of Civilization held a rally at the Bronson Centre in support of culture and the arts.

"It's not all about the strike," said Gordon. "The cuts that have been happening are destroying culture and the arts."

That the strike has gone on for so long — since Sept. 21 — shows arrogance on behalf of the administration, said Douglas Cardinal, the architect who designed the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

"We had to combine 16 museums into one, so I had to work very closely with the staff to develop a vision for the museum," he said. "All of the people here deserve respect because they created it. It's the staff that created it. That's the legacy of the museum."

On Friday, the museum corporation released a statement saying it is "hopeful that this strike will end soon — perhaps as early as Monday. This would make possible a paycheque for employees on Dec. 23."

The main sticking points for negotiators have been over the contracting-out of services and job security.

Julie Hughes, textiles curator with the Museum of Civilization, said they want to ensure that experts are maintained by the museum corporation.

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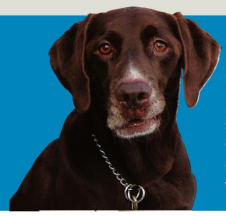
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Canada



Police dog 'smiles' after big pot bust

Most people can recognize when their dog is happy, but Otis, an RCMP chocolate Labrador retriever, doesn't leave anyone guessing. Officers with the Mounties Road Safety Unit stopped a vehicle about 30 kilometres east of Osoyoos, B.C., on Thursday morning. Officers knew something wasn't right and that's when they brought in Otis, who sniffed out about 1.5 kilograms of marijuana and several thousand dollars in cash. A picture taken of Otis, left, just after the bust shows the dog smiling THE CANADIAN PRESS

RCMP boss slams complaints chair

The head of the RCMP is bidding the force's complaints commissioner farewell by accusing him of creating an "inaccurate" picture that suggests the Mounties have obstructed the work of the federal police agency's independent watchdog.

The final weeks of Paul Kennedy's term as the chair of the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP have been marked by a public squabble with RCMP Commissioner William Elliott.

Kennedy, who leaves his post at the end of the month, released two damning reports last week while describing the force as a "massively inert" organization that is resistant to change.

"An inaccurate perception of the actions and motivations of the RCMP has been created."
RCMP Commissioner William Elliott

And in both cases — first a report into the death of Robert Dziekanski and then another into the use of a Taser on a 15-year-old girl in the Northwest Territories — Elliott posted letters on the RCMP website taking exception with the timing of the reports and Kennedy's comments about the force.

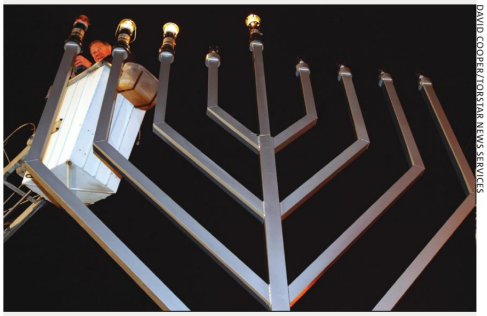
"Of more concern is the impression left by your public comments that the RCMP, and I as commissioner, are motivated or have attempted to prevent reports critical of the force from being made public. I categorically reject this," Elliott wrote to Kennedy in a letter released by the RCMP on Friday.

"An inaccurate perception of the actions and motivations of the RCMP has been created."

Typically, reports from the complaints commission include a response from the RCMP, but Kennedy set the release dates for the latest pair of reports before the force had formally replied.

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Toronto **Lighting the menorah**



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Toronto city Coun. Howard Moscoe lights the menorah on the third evening of Hanukkah observance last night.

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard says operating bases that have been home to Canadian infantry in Kandahar province will become increasingly empty. Instead, he tells The Canadian Press, the troops will be moving out of the relative safety of the bases into Kandahar city and other large towns. It's the only way, he says, to show Afghans that coalition troops are willing to share the risks they face from the insurgents.

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Security certificates under review

TERROR The federal government has launched a sweeping review of a crumbling anti-terrorist law, acknowledging the system needs fixing, The Canadian Press has learned.

The review of the rickety national-security certificate system could scrap or revamp a law used to arrest and deport non-Canadians considered a threat to national security.

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Canadian soldier charged

A Canadian soldier who was on leave from duty in Afghanistan has been charged with sexual assault in Australia. Sapper David Langlois-Fequet was arrested earlier this week in Byron Bay on Australia's east coast. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Commander confident abuse issue addressed

The presence of correctional services experts from Canada should go a long way to ensuring detainees handed over to Afghan authorities are treated humanely, says Canada's top commander in Kandahar.

In an interview, Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard also said that halts to detainee transfers this year were for "procedural" reasons, not because of issues of abuse.

"We have learned an awful lot from the past," he said. "What I can guarantee you is that right now we have put in place everything in our power to ensure (humane treatment)."

A political firestorm has been raging in Ottawa over revelations that Canadian diplomat Richard Colvin repeatedly warned the government that Afghan detainees were being horrifically abused after Canadian soldiers handed them over to local authorities.

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Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard

The abuse issue has been swirling around Ottawa since 2007, when reports began to emerge of the possible torture of detainees handed over by Canadian troops.

The government moved to change its transfer agreement with Afghan authorities in 2007, but insisted all along it had not seen any credible evidence of torture in previous years.

Menard, who has only been in his position for a month, expressed confidence that the problem had been addressed.

He did not say what would happen if Canadian officials suspected detainee abuse.

Under current protocols, the sole authority to detain, release or transfer suspected insurgents to Afghan authorities rests with Menard.

Canadian forces can only hold suspected insurgents for 96 hours before releasing them or transferring them to the Afghan intelligence service, NDS.

The service has developed a notorious reputation for its coercive tactics, with detainees complaining of beatings and electrical shocks.

Menard said he has a list of every person in Canadian custody and passes information back to Ottawa daily, particularly if there are any grounds for keeping someone longer than 96 hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Torchbearer Ret. Lt.-Col. Charles McCabe, right, and Ret. Maj. Ron Currie stand at the National War Memorial after McCabe handed off the Olympic flame to Currie in Ottawa yesterday. The Olympic flame, which travelled all the way from Olympia in Greece, is now on its 44th day of its 106-day cross-country relay which will end in Vancouver on Feb. 12, 2010.

Pedophile conspiracy report to be released this week

An inquiry spurred by murky rumours of a clandestine pedophile ring and coverup conspiracy in eastern Ontario will release its final report Tuesday, four years after being struck.

The release is the culmination of the Cornwall inquiry, which ended up with a $53-million price tag examining institutional responses to historical allegations of sex abuse.

The government estimates the final tab for the Ministry of the Attorney General will be $50 million, in addition to a $3.2 million special assistance grant for the city from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Social Housing for costs the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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World



Palace denies Queen passing off duties

Buckingham Palace has denied a newspaper report that the Queen is passing more of her duties to her grandson, Prince William. Royal spokesman Miguel Head said the report that William, left, is being groomed to be "shadow king," bypassing his father Prince Charles, is nonsense. The Mail yesterday said on its front page that the Queen is handing over a substantial part of her public duties to the prince to ease the 83-year-old monarch's workload. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WASHINGTON The U.S. Senate yesterday passed a $1.1-trillion spending bill with increased budgets for vast areas of the federal government including health, education, law enforcement and veterans' programs. The 1,000-page-plus package, one of the last essential chores of Congress this year, passed 57-35 and now goes to U.S. President Barack Obama for his signature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hundreds detained in Copenhagen

Go Green

Danish police outnumbered protesters yesterday, detaining more than 200 people on a second day of demonstrations as environment ministers met for informal talks to advance negotiations on a new pact.

Meanwhile, church bells in Denmark and other countries rang 350 times, a number that refers to what many scientists consider a safe level of carbon dioxide in the air.

Police stopped an unauthorized demonstration headed toward the city's harbour and carried out a security check of some of the participants, Copenhagen police spokesman Flemming Steen Munch told The Associated Press.

A day earlier, police had detained nearly 1,000 activists at the tail end of a 40,000-strong march. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Iran faked images, protesters allege

Police surrounded the campus of Tehran University yesterday, trapping hundreds of students protesting what they said were images fabricated by the government of the burning of a photo of the Islamic Republic's revered founder.

State television has repeatedly shown images, ostensibly taken during student-led protests on Dec. 7, of unidentified hands burning and tearing up pictures of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. It was a grave and illegal insult against the former leader still widely respected in the country. The Revolutionary Guard, the country's most powerful military force, called for the punishment of those responsible.

Video circulated widely on the Internet also showed photos of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad being burned as well as one photo of Khamenei and Khomeini side by side going up in flames. The faces of those burning the pictures could not be seen and loud chants against the government were heard in the background.

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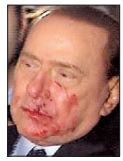
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Italian PM attacked

An attacker hurled a statuette at Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, striking the leader in the face at the end of a rally yesterday and leaving the 73-year-old media mogul with a broken nose and bloodied mouth.

Police said the 42-year-old man accused of attacking Berlusconi as he signed autographs in Milan was immediately taken into custody. The Italian leader was rushed to a hospital where he was being held overnight.


Silvio Berlusconi

The attack occurred at a time when Berlusconi, one of Italy's wealthiest men, is embroiled in a sex scandal, a divorce case with his wife and public protests demanding his resignation.

TV showed the stunned leader with blood under his nose, on his mouth and under one eye as he was lifted to his feet by aides after yesterday's attack. He was hustled into the back of a car, but he immediately got out, apparently to show he was not badly injured.

Berlusconi suffered a "small fracture" of the nose, two broken teeth and an injury to his lip, said Paolo Klun, chief spokesman for Milan's San Raffaele Hospital.

"He wanted to go home right away, but he is being held as a precaution" for overnight observation, Klun said. The premier suffered "a significant bruising trauma from this blunt instrument that was hurled at him."

Police first said it appeared the assailant had punched Berlusconi in the face while clutching a souvenir statue of Milan's Duomo, or cathedral with gargoyles that symbolizes the city. But state TV later showed a video, somewhat blurry, of what appeared to be the attacker's hand coming close to Berlusconi's face while holding the statue, then letting go of the object at the last minute as it hit the premier's face.

Berlusconi was "very shaken and demoralized," Klun said. "He didn't understand very well what happened to him."

Immediately after the attack, the premier, after getting out of the car and without saying a word, was pulled back into the vehicle by bodyguards.

The attack occurred after Berlusconi had just finished delivering a long, vigorous speech at the rally to thousands of applauding supporters from his Freedom People party in the square outside the cathedral at about 6:30 p.m.

Police identified the man they were questioning as Massimo Tartaglia, 42.

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Houston elects first gay mayor

Yesterday Houston became the largest U.S. city to elect an openly gay mayor , with voters handing a solid victory to City Controller Annise Parker after a hotly contested run-off.

Several other U.S. cities, including Portland, Oregon, Providence, Rhode Island, and Cambridge, Massachusetts, have openly gay mayors, but none are as large as Houston.

Parker, 53, defeated her opponent, Gene Locke, with 53.6 per cent of the vote Saturday in a race that had a turnout of only 16.5 per cent.

While gay rights issues were not a focus of Parker's campaign, she began her political career as a gay activist.

She campaigned against the passage of a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in 2005 and has said she supports gay marriage.

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News in brief

ESCAPE Scores of suspected Islamic militants burst through a concrete wall then barged into a jail in the volatile southern Philippines yesterday, freeing 31 inmates in a nighttime attack that sparked a gunbattle in which two people were killed. The attackers and prisoners fled toward a jungle-covered mountainous area, an official said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Going Green



A new threat

The biggest threat to African elephants is no longer poachers but climate change. Longer dry seasons mean the elephants have to move further to find food and water — and that brings them into conflict with humans trying to protect their crops. WWF

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The burden of Alberta's oilsands

Canadian politicians pushing for U.S. to shoulder costs of carbon emissions

Environment Minister Jim Prentice appears to be in agreement with former Liberal prime minister Paul Martin on who should pay for the environmental costs of Alberta's oilsands energy.

Martin has been quoted as saying the U.S. should shoulder some of Canada's carbon emissions burden because it's the chief user of energy from the oilsands.

Prentice, who is at the Copenhagen climate summit, says if Americans buy Canadian oil, the environmental costs should be absorbed on the U.S. side of the border.

Prentice told CTV News that's why the government is working so closely with the U.S. to make sure we have a harmonized system and a continental approach to reducing emissions.

The environment minister says whether it is regulations, or a cap and trade system, it must be integrated or we'll end up losing jobs in Canada and undertaking costs that are not our responsibility.

Martin, who served several years as finance minister, said he fully supports oilsands development.

But he also said development should proceed at a "rational pace," and the resulting environmental burden should be shared by the U.S.

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed a bill that contemplates border tariffs on so-called "dirty oil," such as that from Alberta's oilsands.

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A tailings pond reflects the Syncrude oilsands mine facility near Fort McMurray, Alta.



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Denmark police reported they had arrested over 1,000 demonstrators following weekend long protests at the climate summit in Copenhagen. Protest organizers estimated 100,000 people had joined the march from downtown Copenhagen.

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There's little that Naidoo won't do...

Executive Director of Greenpeace International, Kumi Naidoo began his career as a human rights activist at the age of 14 in his native South Africa fighting against apartheid.

In the light of the Copenhagen climate conference Naidoo speaks to Metro about speaking out against President Obama, the struggle that is Copenhagen and most importantly, a legally binding treaty.

Q You recently spoke out against Obama's decision to back down on some of the commitments of Copenhagen...

A Ever since the Bali Summit, we have known that climate change was a major issue. When Obama was running for president, he was always speaking about the perils of the planet. He should therefore know that the more delay, the more risks of peril we run from climate related impact.

The more we delay action, the more we risk putting peoples' lives in peril. We want a binding treaty...We will push for this until the last minute.

Q Do you believe you speaking out made a difference?

A Some of our response has shifted the tone. Ban Ki Moon was pulling back and is now back to using the terms "Treaty" and "Binding." Even the United States and China are slowly changing their stance.

Q What do you hope will come out of the summit in Copenhagen?

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Wind of change for cell industry

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Much in the industry will now change: from the crucial minutiae of cellphone bills, to the shape and structure of the $16 billion sector that touches millions of Canadian lives, industry analysts say.

The quashing of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission decision from October, which determined Globalive was a foreign-controlled company and ineligible to launch, means big changes in the Canadian telecom sector, starting as early as next week — the earliest Globalive said it could launch in the Toronto and Calgary markets. For consumers, the decision is a clear win. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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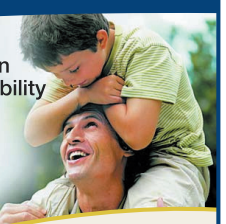
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OIL PRODUCTION Kuwait's oil minister says OPEC probably won't change its production levels when it meets next week. Sheik Ahmed al-Abdullah al-Sabah made the comments to state news agency KUNA yesterday. The agency quoted him as saying "it was unlikely the bloc would change output strategy" when it meets in Angola on December 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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It's days like these, though, when OC Transpo really shows its stuff. In summer, those of us who ride the chariot of the proletariat might well envy the guy buzzing by the bus stop in his convertible, but on days like last Wednesday, the place to be is on the bus. (Of course, getting there can be tricky if you're trying to fight your way to a space at one of our notoriously crowded suburban park-and-ride stations.)

Ottawa police reported 85 vehicle collisions on our roads and highways by last Wednesday afternoon, none of which, to my knowledge, involved buses.

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Once those unfortunates get where they're going, they get to find a place to park somewhere amid the snow-clearance lockdown, and perhaps rely upon the kindness of passersby to help push their wheel-spinning vehicle out of the snowbanks, a service that is, mercifully, still very much on offer in Ottawa.

The relative smoothness of last Wednesday's commute stands in marked contrast to last year, when we endured the double whammy of a massive dump of snow on the first day of the transit strike. Citywide gridlock and misery ensued.

All of which makes it fairly disheartening to hear city council, in hopes of shaving $3 million off the transit budget, is looking at cutting back on some routes and eliminating others, measures that would reduce ridership by an estimated 574,000 person-trips, and put more cars on the road for next winter's first storm.

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Denver's Marshall sets record

Denver Broncos receiver Brandon Marshall, right, broke Terrell Owens' NFL record for receptions in a game with 21. Marshall set the record yesterday on Denver's final offensive play of a 28-16 loss to Indianapolis. Owens caught 20 passes for San Francisco on Dec. 17, 2000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sports



Cuma gets the call

Tyler Cuma of the Ottawa 67s has been called up to Canada's world junior championship team selection camp to replace injured defenceman Patrick Wiercioch. Cuma was injured at last year's camp and missed out on playing the world juniors in Ottawa. He was not among the 36 players originally invited to this year's camp. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Colts extend win streak to 22

NFL Indianapolis has shoved aside New England for the NFL record for consecutive regular-season wins.

Peyton Manning threw four TD passes yesterday and the Colts' defence held off Denver for a 28-16 victory. It gave the Colts (13-0) their 22nd consecutive regular-season win, one more than the Patriots' streak that ended early last year.

The Colts also clinched the AFC's top playoff seed and broke San Francisco's record for wins in a decade. Indy has 114, the 49ers had 113 in the 1990s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Martin wins spot in Olympics

Olympic silver medallist Kevin Martin will get his opportunity to go for gold at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

The Edmonton skip lived up to his top billing yesterday beating long-time rival Glenn Howard 7-3 in the final of the Canadian Olympic curling trials.

"The guys played an awesome game today. They really set it up well for us. What a great day," a jubilant Martin said moments after the game.

"We put a lot of pressure on them early in the game."

Martin, who started the game with hammer, took control early and was leading 5-1 after five ends.

The 43-year-old Martin last represented Canada at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake, where he settled for silver after losing to Norway's Pal Trulsen in the final.

"We made it in 2002. Now to get another crack at it, it's a dream come true," said Martin, who was still letting the victory sink in.

"I think there's so much going on right now through the body that I haven't thought of that yet. We've just got to cherish this moment. That's a big win," he added. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Skip Kevin Martin, second left, celebrates with his teammates after defeating Team Howard 7-3 to win the 2009 Canadian Olympic Curling Trials finals in Edmonton yesterday.

Woods loses first major sponsor in wake of scandal

Global consulting firm Accenture Ltd. has ended its relationship with Tiger Woods, marking the first major sponsor to cut ties altogether with the golfer since his alleged infidelities surfaced and he announced an indefinite leave from the sport to work on his marriage.

In its first statement since the Woods' scandal erupted, Accenture said yesterday the golfer is "no longer the right representative" after the "circumstances of the last two weeks." The move ends a six-year relationship during which the firm credited its "Go on, be a Tiger" campaign with boosting its image significantly.

Accenture has used Woods to personify its claimed attributes of integrity and high performance.

"After careful consideration and analysis, the company has determined that he is no longer the right representative for its advertising," Accenture said, adding that "it wishes only the best for Tiger Woods and his family."

The firm plans to immediately transition to a new advertising campaign, with a major effort scheduled to launch later in 2010.

An Accenture spokeswoman declined to comment further. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On hold

- On Saturday, Gillette said it won't air advertisements featuring Tiger Woods or include him in public appearances for an unspecified amount of time.

Ottawa teenager takes tennis title

ORANGE BOWL Ottawa's Gabriela Dabrowski became the first Canadian to win the Orange Bowl tennis tournament in 27 years yesterday, knocking off top-seeded Kristina Mladenovic of France 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

The unseeded Dabrowski is the first Canadian to capture the 18-and-under title since Canadian Tennis Hall of Famer Carling Bassett did it as a 15-year-old in 1982.



Gabriela Dabrowski

"I am elated to make Canadian history today," said Dabrowski, 17.

"I know a great deal about Carling Bassett and consider it an honour to match her achievement."

Dabrowski's Orange Bowl victory will make her Canada's highest-ranking junior player. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Olds College opens Canadian Equine Centre for Innovation

Last week, Alberta's Olds College celebrated the grand opening of the Canadian Equine Centre for Innovation. The centre will incorporate leading-edge expertise, facilities, technology, and applied research to provide unique human resource solutions for the $15.7-billion equine industry. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Workology



Grad tax credit coming?

In a new report on pre-budget consultations, the federal Standing Committee on Finance recommends Ottawa create a refundable tax credit for new graduates, and make the credit available to those who move to designated regions and work in their field of study.

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Workology in **brief**

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE GETS $1 LEASE FOR J-SCHOOL BUILDING: Under a deal announced last week, St. Clair College's journalism school will set up shop in downtown Windsor at the former Salvation Army building and pay the city $1 a year for the facility. The only condition is that the college must hold the property for 15 years. With the property, St. Clair hopes to double its current journalism enrolment and create programming for up to 200 students

BCIT FACES CUTS: British Columbia Institute of Technology president Don Wright has announced that 82 full-time positions at the school will be eliminated, and the cuts will include management, teaching, and support staff positions.

PFIZER CONTROVERSY: Many prominent ethicists and researchers have signed a petition protesting the appointment of Dr. Bernard Prigent, vice-president and medical director of Pfizer Canada, to the governing council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

FNUC VP FRAUD TRIAL SET: Wes Stevenson, formerly employed as the First Nations University of Canada's vice-president of finance, will be going to trial for fraud, following the completion of a preliminary hearing this week.

UCAN APPOINTS PRESIDENT: University of Canada West announced last week that Dr. Verna Magee-Shepherd has been named acting president of the institution, and will assume her responsibilities at once. A graduate of the Universities of British Columbia and Calgary, Magee-Shepherd has held several teaching and administrative positions in the PSE sector, including acting president of the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

GRANT FROM AUDAIN FOUNDATION SUPPORTS UBC MUSEUM RENOVATION: The Audain Foundation for the Visual Arts has awarded the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology $2.5 million in support of its current major capital renewal project, A Partnership of Peoples. Along with other contributions, the gift is a significant step towards completing the project's $55.5-million funding target. In recognition of the gift, the museum's major temporary exhibit gallery has been renamed the Audain Gallery.

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Rule No. 1: Don't worry

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

Ah, the office holiday party — eagerly awaited for months, just as eagerly wished away from memory by unfortunate souls. Everyone has "that" office party story where someone crossed the line or did something incredibly stupid and sometimes the anxiety related to the party itself can be just as personally traumatizing.

Given that it all takes place among people you share your work with or owe your job too, the fun of the office holiday party can quickly turn to fear and regret.

Martin M. Anthony, professor of psychology at Ryerson University and author of the Shyness and Social Anxiety Workbook, says some anxiety is natural but often people imagine a much worse outcome than what is likely to happen.

When it comes to things like letting an inappropriate joke slip through, spilling your drink or mispronouncing someone's name, Anthony says it's important not to sweat the small stuff because, for the most part, other people won't either.



If you don't want to embarrass yourself at your holiday party this year, limiting your alcohol consumption is crucial.

"A lot of times when we make these minor gaffes, we are the often the person most concerned about it. Many times it doesn't matter that much to others," Anthony said.

If you truly want to avoid those legendary water-cooler disaster moments, Anthony can't stress enough that limiting your alcohol consumption is crucial.

"When people are anxious they often drink more at parties, which can make you more uninhibited. Alcohol actually has the same physical effect on the brain as many anti-anxiety medications, but some anxiety is good because you need to monitor your behaviour to not offend people."

For people who are shy or feel uncomfortable making small talk, the holiday office party can seem downright stressful but Anthony suggests it represents an obstacle that is worth overcoming. Trying to avoid making small-talk because you're afraid of making a faux pas just compounds the fear and potentially closes doors on relationships with people that could have been beneficial.

"Avoidance maintains the fear, it keeps it alive, because you never deal with it. You have to force yourself to deal with it," Anthony said.

If you're new in the office and worried about not having enough to say, plan out a few talking points in advance and don't set yourself up mentally to fail.

Don't expect to be a perfect social butterfly at all times and don't worry about pauses and silent moments in a conversation — they are natural.

"A lot of people who are nervous about making small-talk are particularly worried about those little silences that happen during small talk. Silence doesn't instantly mean you're boring," Anthony said.

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N.B. universities need international-recruitment strategy
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What a cheesy job

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Diane Peters
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Scott Mckenzie started in theatre, but his true love was cheese.

The Lowdown

Job title: Fromager
Salary: Depends on what you're doing, and how much you do it
Education/training: Courses through organizations like the Cheese Education Guild; the new Professional Fromager Certificate McKenzie is launching at George Brown College; tasting and reading on your own
Best Part of the Job: "People are so interested, they're so excited to find out more about cheese."
Worst Part of the Job: "Inconsistency. I can't ever say no to anything, there's no regularity to it."

Scott McKenzie wishes he could say the dairy farm in the tiny Nova Scotia town he grew up in had a big influence on him. But his family ate cheese from the grocery store.

And McKenzie, now 41, had a bigger taste for the theatre at the time. He studied drama and education at Concordia University in Montreal, and eventually moved to Toronto where he acted, directed, wrote and danced.

But 15 years ago, he decided to change careers. "I've always said theatre is something you do because you can't not do it." He took a job as a waiter while he though it out.

He dabbled in other careers, taking up massage therapy at one point. But then he realized he was meant to work with food and drink. "This is the stuff I love, so I should be doing it all the time."

By the time he was working a manager in the high-end Auberge du Pommier, he decided he needed a specialized skill to go farther in the industry.

Everyone he knew was getting into wine. But seven years ago, he read The Cheese Plate by Max McCalman. "That's what I want to do," he thought.

So he enrolled in the first ever courses offered by the Cheese Education Guild. After graduating — and now able to call himself a fromager — McKenzie immediately found himself in demand.

Whenever he wasn't at his manager job, he was doing freelance work at other restaurants, doing talks at wineries, running seminars and creating cheese courses for weddings.

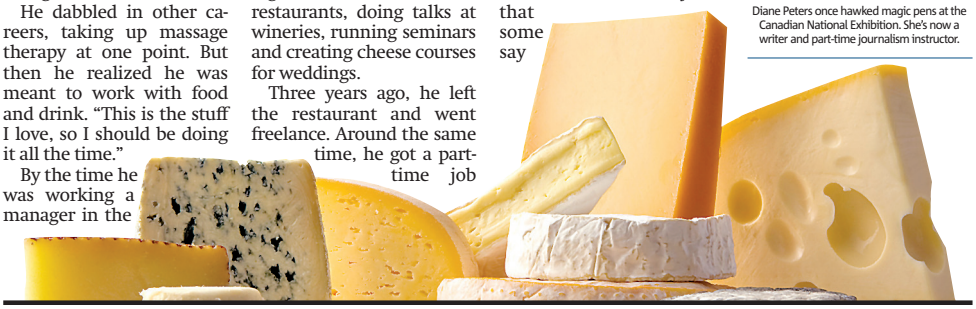
Three years ago, he left the restaurant and went freelance. Around the same time, he got a part-time job at George Brown College, coaching students in the school's restaurant.

To keep up on the latest in his industry: "I eat cheese from morning 'til night." Breakfast is a hunk of Saint Marcellin, a Swiss cheese rich in omega 3 fatty acids. Whenever he can, he stops by Toronto's St. Lawrence Market or a cheese shop for an array of cheeses: He'll set up as many as 20 on a board and do a tasting for himself.

You'd think that'd mess with his health but McKenzie is trim and has low cholesterol levels. He credits cheese's enzymes that some say help your body break down fat.

Health benefits aside, more people are getting into gourmet cheese. "I think cheese in Canada is where wine was 20 years ago, I think it's going to go through the same crazy surge the wine industry experienced."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.



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Bachelor reject Rycroft ties knot

Nearly a year after being rejected on national television by Jason Mesnick, former Bachelor contestant Melissa Rycroft is finally a married woman. Rycroft swapped vows with her fiancé of six months on Saturday in Mexico. **USMAGAZINE.COM**

Entertainment



No more Vuitton

Madonna has been dropped as the face of luxury brand Louis Vuitton. The singer was signed to appear in a string of ads for the fashion house's 2009 campaign. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Here comes Oscar bait

MONICA WEYMOUTH
Metro World News





The Lovely Bones, left, and Nine are among a slew of current and upcoming films gunning for Oscar attention.

As the year comes to an end, theatres are seeing a breed of movies that are different than your average popcorn flick. They are very serious but inspiring; they are packed with big names and an anointed new star for good measure; they take a well-calculated risk or two. They are, in short, shameless Oscar baits, and studios are throwing them at the screen in order to qualify for the 2010 Academy Awards.

We've broken down some of the more conspicuous ones that are currently playing in theatres or are on the cusp of release, but we're not making any predictions.

INVICTUS

Weighty and/or ambitious subject: Based on a true story in which Nelson Mandela teams up with captain of South Africa's rugby team to bring together the country post-Apartheid.

Star power: It's megawatt here: Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon star; Clint Eastwood directs.

PRECIOUS

Weighty and/or ambitious subject: Pregnant for the second time by her father, an obese, illiterate, abused teen learns to read in an attempt to improve her life.

Star power: The buzz is surrounding newcomer Gabourey Sidibe, but Mo'Nique, Mariah Carey and Lenny Kravitz are also on the bill.

NINE

Weighty and/or ambitious subject: An Italian director deals with his mid-life crisis by getting tangled up with a number of women, all the while singing and dancing — it's based on the 1982 musical.

Star power: It's impossible to assemble more A-list, leading ladies: Judi Dench, Nicole Kidman, Marion Cotillard, Penelope Cruz, and Sophia Loren.

Wild card: In addition to that A-list cast, Fergie and Kate Hudson are on board as, respectively, a prostitute and a fashion reporter.

THE LOVELY BONES

Weighty and/or ambitious subject: After her rape and murder, a young girl watches over her family and killer from heaven, hoping that someone will find her body and working through her own grief.

Star power: Alice Sebold wrote the bestselling book; Peter Jackson is directing; and Mark Wahlberg and Rachel Weisz star.

Wild card: While the novel is haunting and elegant, Peter Jackson likes to blow things up. And then blow them up again.

AVATAR

Weighty and/or ambitious subject: A paralyzed ex-Marine agrees to travel to a distant planet — which happens to be a computer-generated, 3-D world — for the chance to walk again via an avatar body. And, naturally, exploit their resources.

Star power:: The cast includes Sam Worthington and Sigourney Weaver, but everyone's watching director James Cameron, who hasn't done a feature film since 1997's Titanic.

Wild card: There's rumoured to be an almost US$500 million price tag on this years-in-the-making project, and it kind of looks like fanboy porn.

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King brings joy to troopers

Author Stephen King and his wife are donating money so 150 soldiers from the Maine Army National Guard can come home for the holidays.

King and his wife, Tabitha, who live in Bangor, are paying $13,000 toward the cost of two bus trips so that members of the 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Unit can travel from Camp Atterbury in Indiana to Maine for Christmas.

The soldiers left Maine last week for training at Camp Atterbury. They are scheduled to depart for Afghanistan in January.



Stephen King

Julie Eugley, one of King's personal assistants, told the Bangor Daily News that the Kings were approached about giving $13,000.

But Stephen King thought the number 13 was a bit unlucky, so the couple pitched in $12,999 instead. Eugley chipped in $1 to make for an even $13,000. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Entertainment in brief

CELEBRITY The Wizard of Oz is a family favourite, but the film — celebrating its 70th anniversary this year — isn't on Liza Minnelli's must-watch list. Minnelli says it's tough to watch because of the fictional horrors her mother, Judy Garland, endures. She said: "I just loved her so and for some reason The Wizard of Oz bothers me when I see it. They do terrible things to her." Minnelli talked about the film while reflecting on her special, Liza's At The Palace. It captures her 2008 Tony-winning play and airs on public television this month. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

It's a boy!
Kendra Wilkinson and her husband, Indianapolis Colts player Hank Baskett, have welcomed their first child, a boy. Hank Baskett IV was born via C-section early Friday morning in Indianapolis. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Cooking with Gordon

Foul-mouthed chef invites viewers to cook with him

For years, viewers have watched Chef Gordon Ramsay reduce aspiring and even seasoned chefs to sliced and diced vegetables on shows like Hell's Kitchen and Kitchen Nightmares. So the prospect of cooking alongside him in a public forum is enough to make even the most hardened critic turn into a beaten egg white.

That was the challenge last summer as critics from across North America were invited to prepare a dish with the hot-headed TV chef. Now viewers will get the same opportunity when Gordon Ramsay: Cookalong Live premieres tomorrow on Global and Fox (repeating the next night on the Food Network).

The Scottish-born chef and restaurateur stood before critics last summer at the annual press tour in Los Angeles and barked orders while dozens of scribes attempted to whisk egg whites into something resembling a peak.

"(Have you) never made a Baked Alaska before?" Ramsay shouted from the stage where he stood with whisk and bowl.


Chef Gordon Ramsay shows television critics how to make Baked Alaska at a press tour in Pasadena, Calif., in August.

Most critics struggle with half-baked story ideas. We're usually the crabs being served on press tour, not the ones trying to prepare anything edible.

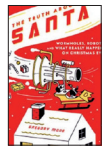
"Where the hell did you get that shirt from?" he asked one critic dressed for the beach. "If your cooking is as bad as your dress sense," he continued, dropping one of his usually bleeped F-bombs.

Still, this wasn't the rude Ramsay one is used to seeing on television. He was here on this day to promote his show. He promised he'd be on his best behaviour on Cookalong Live, too, as he helps homemakers try to prepare a pretty complicated meal in real time as they watch the hour-long special next Tuesday night.

He was looking forward to the challenge because, for one thing, he says he never really gets to cook properly on his other shows. "The biggest complaint I've had from, not just family, but from viewers, customers that are in the restaurant, is that 'We don't see you cook enough,'" he says. The French-trained chef, who has earned 16 Michelin stars, feels working in a far less pressurized TV environment should help him show off his culinary skills — as well as control his potty mouth.

The live special will present a full 60-minute challenge for chefs at home, with Angel Hair Pasta with shrimp, chili and tomatoes, Steak Diane with sauteed potatoes and peas and a Quick Tiramisu all on the menu. A well-stocked kitchen will be in order; a full list of ingredients can be found at globaltv.com. That's where you'll also find certain preparation tips online that will help home chefs stay with the program. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A very special legacy



The Truth About **Santa**

Author: Gregory Mone
Publisher: Bloomsbury
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Author: Thomas Mallon
Publisher: Pantheon
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YOU BETTER WATCH OUT. You better not cry. You better not pout. I'm telling you why: Santa Claus has embedded listening devices in your Christmas tree ornaments, he's been reading your e-mails and listening to your phone conversations. These are just some of Santa's strategies, that writer Gregory Mone explains in his hilarious, science-rooted book The Truth About Santa. The guide describes how elf cloning, on-demand organ printing, memory-erasing milk and wakefulness drugs, among an extensive list of artificial means, allow Santa to visit every house on Christmas Eve and how he's survived so long.

IN HIS 1984 examination A Book of One's Own, American author Thomas Mallon tackled the diary, exploring the literary form's prevalence and relevance to different kinds of writers. Now, in Yours Ever, Mallon shifts his magnifying glass to a dying literary art — letters. Divided into nine categories — absence, friendship, advice, complaint, love, spirit, confession, war and prison — the book surveys all kinds of written exchange, from love letters to suicide notes. Florence Nightingale and Winston Churchill are among those whose letters Mallon mines in this thorough, explorative collection.

Brian Coulton/for Metro Canada

BookPicks

Box office

1. **The Princess and the Frog:** $25 million US
2. **The Blind Side:** $15 million
3. **Invictus:** $9 million
4. **The Twilight Saga: New Moon:** $8 million
5. **A Christmas Carol:** $6.9 million
6. **Brothers:** $5 million
7. **Old Dogs:** $4.4 million
8. **2012:** $4.4 million
9. **Armored:** $3.5 million
10. **Ninja Assassin:** $2.7 million

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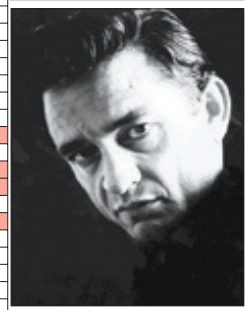
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	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		How I Met	Accidentally	Trauma (HDTV)		The Jay Leno Show (N)		News
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Johnny Cash Christmas Special

'Tis the season for red and green — and the Man in Black. Johnny Cash is gone, but his holiday performances linger on in television specials he did in the 1970s, which Bravo! Canada is airing over two evenings. In this edition from 1976, Cash's guests include Roy Clark and Merle Travis, and Tony Orlando. 9 PM on 40 BVO



Mr. Bean

Mr. Bean gets even more excited during the holiday season in this special episode. His adventures include befriending a Salvation Army band, trying to get a giant Christmas tree home and failing to find the perfect gift for a woman — who subsequently leaves him. 9 PM on 8 CBC

Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe Christmas Pageant

The host of the popular radio show "The Vinyl Cafe" takes his act to television in this holiday special, in which he relates his determination to put on a holiday pageant for the people of Belleville, Ont., whether they like it or not. 9:30 PM on 8 CBC



Sims spills the beans and Eckhart splits

Aaron Eckhart reportedly ended his month-long relationship with Molly Sims because she confirmed to the press that they were dating, according to Star magazine. "He's an incredibly private guy," a source says. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Good Charlotte's good time buddy

JUST FRIENDS While some reports are calling Benji Madden Holly Madison's boyfriend, the former Girls Next Door star is labeling him her "adventure buddy," people.com reports.

"I don't want to talk about him, except that I like him," Madison said when asked about reports linking her to the Good Charlotte guitarist.

The possible coupling comes after the duo were spotted in Los Angeles at a coffee shop. The two have also flirted over Twitter, with Madden even hyping Madison's E! show with Tweets.

The blonde bombshell wouldn't say whether she and Madden are an item, calling him simply her "mysterious adventure buddy." She adds, "I think everyone needs an adventure buddy."

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Divorce gets dirty

A MESSY BUSINESS New details are emerging about just how upset Brandi Glanville was over her husband, Eddie Cibrian, leaving her for LeAnn Rimes. Cibrian alleges Glanville slashed the tires of his motorcycle, according to TMZ.

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Hudson spreading her Christmas cheer

SCROOGES BEWARE! Jennifer Hudson is on a mission to convert you, people.com reports.

"It hurts me so when I see people like, 'Whatever, Christmas is just another day,'" the self-proclaimed "holiday fanatic" told People. "I'm that person who's going to go over there and get you into the holiday spirit. And that's how I've always been."

With that kind of attitude, it's no surprise the Academy Award winner plans to help audiences across the country get into the spirit tonight with her first televised holiday special.

Jennifer Hudson: I'll be Home for Christmas features musical performances shot on location in Hudson's native Chicago (the local church where she got her start singing in the choir and the music academy where she studied, among other places). Hudson will also introduce audiences to her family, former teachers and childhood friends.

"The first thing you do for the holidays is go back home, so I went back home, and the next thing you do is spend it with all of your family and your friends in those familiar places. That's why I chose to go back home and share it and make it personal," Hudson said.

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Holiday house hunting

PLAYING HOUSE Though they continue to dodge questions about their relationship, Bradley Cooper and Renee Zellweger appear to be ready to take things to the next level.

Sources say the pair were out looking at homes for sale in Los Angeles, according to Page Six.

"Until Renee, Bradley had a reputation as a ladies' man and a heartbreaker," a source says. "But he seems so happy with her.

"They prefer to stay in rather than hang out at show business parties, and he has already introduced her to his parents."

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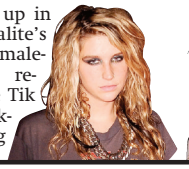


Upset stomach, upset Paris

VIOLENT ERUPTIONS Pop sensation Ke$ha wrecked her chances of becoming Paris Hilton's BFF when she threw up in the socialite's closet, female-first.co.uk reports. The Tik Tok hitmaker sang backing vocals on Hilton's album, Paris, and the two girls briefly became friends — but that ended when Ke$ha mistook the heiress' wardrobe for her bathroom.

"We were all dancing, hanging out [and] I got overexcited and ralphed (threw up) in her closet. I thought it was a bathroom," she said. "That kind of ended the relationship right there. I wouldn't want to be my friend either."

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Werewolf whops rapper on live TV

BELLA, I MEAN, TAYLOR, I'LL PROTECT YOU Just weeks after Taylor Swift's appearance on Saturday Night Live, her "really close" friend, Taylor Lautner, took centre stage Saturday to host the late-night sketch show, people.com reports. In his opening monologue, Lautner hilariously defended Swift's honour by beheading a Kanye West mannequin with some impressive martial arts kicks. The New Moon star, who was on stage during the rapper's infamous VMA faux pas, reenacted the scene — making himself into a high-kicking hero by knocking West's block off and then kissing his fair maiden.

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Winehouse's dad slights ex-son

A REAL CLASS ACT Mitch Winehouse,Amy's dad, claims Fielder-Civil made more than US$8,000 by tipping off photographers about meeting-up with Amy. "He has a funny way of showing his love. Nice earner though," Mitch posted on his Twitter account. He went on to call his former son-in-law "a liar, violent criminal and betrayer."

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Celebrity tweets

Spencer Pratt outsources his gift-giving decisions, Lindsay Lohan agitates her employees, Demi Lovato admits she has a problem, and Brody Jenner isn't being a very good listener.



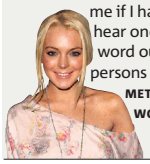
• @spencerpratt What are some gift suggestions for the best wife in the world? I know I have the smartest twitter fam so u guys will def help

• @lindsaylohan Having a heated debate w/ my security guard about politics&I'm seconds from leaving my table! Never debate over dinner!! You'll leave hungry

• @ddlovato I think I just overdosed on Schoolhouse Gummy vitamins..... THEY WERE JUST.. SO.. GOOD.

• @BrodyJenner Wow shoot me if I have to hear one more word out of this persons mouth

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Rihanna won't shut Brown out

FORGIVENESS IS THE SWEETEST REVENGE Rihanna admits that she feels "embarrassed" by her past relationship with Chris Brown, but she doesn't think she'll never speak to him again. "There's emotion there. I think it's possible to change," the singer tells Glamour magazine. "It's embarrassing that I fell in love with that person."

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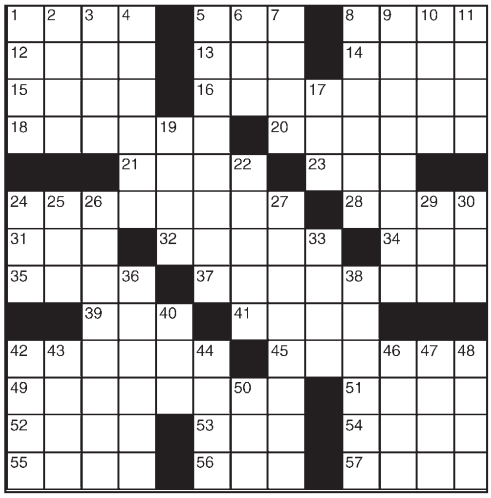
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37 Reason for a fat lip?
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53 Always, in 13-Across
54 Read quickly
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57 Gets some rays

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24 Ballplayer's hat
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26 Galahad's dad
27 UPS parcel, e.g.
29 Miler Sebastian
30 Possess
33 — gin fizz
36 Weighing devices
38 Swear (to)
40 A Gershwin
42 Edinburgh resident
43 Vagrant
44 Jet forth
46 Killer whale
47 New York cardinal
48 Dresses in
50 Mediterranean, e.g.

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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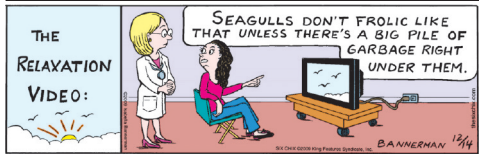
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day



Chicken Satay Stir-Fry

INGREDIENTS:

1/4 cup (50 ml) smooth peanut butter
1/3 cup (75 ml) coconut milk
2 tbsp (25 ml) diluted chicken stock
1 lemon, zest finely grated
1 tbsp (15 ml) vegetable oil
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 red chili pepper, deseeded and finely chopped
12 oz (350 g) skinless chicken breast fillets, cut into thin strips
1 tbsp (15 ml) five-spice powder
1 red pepper, deseeded and sliced
2 carrots, peeled and cut into julienne strips
6 oz (175 g) button mushrooms, sliced
2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh coriander

METHOD:

1. In small bowl, whisk together peanut butter, coconut milk, stock and lemon zest until blended, then set aside.
2. Heat oil in wok or large frying pan over high heat. Add garlic and chili pepper and stir-fry 30 seconds to release flavours.
3. Add chicken and five-spice powder and stir-fry 3–4 minutes until chicken has coloured all over. Add red pepper, carrots and mushrooms and stir-fry 2–3 minutes until slightly softened.
4. Pour peanut butter mixture into wok and stir-fry 2–3 minutes until chicken is cooked through and tender. Remove from heat, stir in chopped coriander and serve immediately.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A financial opportunity of some kind is certainly worth pursuing but it may not be quite as wonderful as someone is trying to make you believe.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The Sun's aspect to Uranus today will bring about some surprising behavior among a group of people you thought were ultra conservative.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Chores and duties may be tiresome but you can't just forget about them, so you might as well tackle them in a more positive frame of mind.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Don't make too many plans for the next 24 hours because the approaching new moon will play havoc with your timetable.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Squabbles of one kind or another are likely today but for the most part they will be good-humored.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Chances are you'll have a lot of fun today but don't overdo it or you may regret it tomorrow.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
There is no point getting angry about something you would usually dismiss as not worth the effort.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You may be a bit too domineering for some people's tastes today, so don't be surprised if you get a few negative comments.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you can't get what you want today you will certainly get it tomorrow or the day after that.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
You will be hugely enthusiastic today but watch out you don't get carried away and do something silly.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will lose patience with someone today and it's about time. They have been leading you on for quite a while.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Generosity comes naturally to you but you need to recognize that giving too much away is not a good thing, either for yourself or for other people.

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This day in history

1812: The French invasion of Russia comes to an end as the remnants of the Grande Armée are expelled from Russia.
1819: Alabama becomes the 22nd U.S. state.
1903: The Wright Brothers make their first attempt to fly with the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
1955: Albania, Austria, Bulgaria, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Laos, Portugal, Romania and Spain join the United Nations.
2003: President George W. Bush announces the capture of Saddam Hussein.

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$99.99 • Turn your iPhone into a fully featured Sat Nav with Tom Tom's expert voice-guided turn-by-turn directions, automatic re-routing, and more. It even links with your contacts list to give you directions to any address.

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GoodGuide
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Mover
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Rocket Taxi
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AroundMe
Free • When travel takes you to a new place, AroundMe can quickly find nearby businesses from the nearest bank to the closest gas station then route them for you using your iPhone's GPS.

Convertbot
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